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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Bungo Yokoo	Examiner: Lynne Renee Edmondson
Serial No: 09/977,855	Group Art Unit: 1725
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For: Cartridge Type Soldering Iron With A Releasable And Replaceable Handle	

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Attention: Refund Section, Accounting Division, Office of Finance

**STATEMENT OF ASSERTION OF STATUS AS SMALL ENTITY**

(37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(2))

Dear Examiner:

With respect to the above-mentioned application, I hereby state that as an attorney and agent registered with the Patent Office, and the attorney of record filing the above-mentioned application, I am a person authorized to sign this assertion pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 (c)(2). And, I state that the applicant identified below:

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qualifies as a small business concern, as defined in 13 C.F.R. § 121 (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(2)) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code.

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